

City of Riverside, California
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, February 1, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Human Relations Commission was held on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the 7th Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room, City Hall, 3900 Main St., Riverside, CA 92522.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chani Beeman, Aric Isom, A.J. Wilson, Sonya Walker

STAFF PRESENT: Yvette Pierre

ALSO PRESENT: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXCUSED: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved as submitted, with the following modifications:

Commissioner Wilson asked that Item No. 2 (Letter regarding Dr. Castillo's report) be made an attachment to item No. 1 (January 4, 2007 minutes). Commissioner Beeman asked that item No. 7 (HRC Roster) be pulled for corrections. Commissioner Wilson asked that item No. 4 (2007 HRC Meeting Locations) be pulled and checked by the City Attorney for any legal requirements regarding posted ending times for HRC meetings.

REGULAR ITEMS

Staff Report

Staff handed out a very rough draft of the Multicultural Calendar and asked that comments be given at the February 15, 2007 HRC meeting. A copy of the University of Kansas Multicultural Calendar was also handed out for comparison and discussion. Chairperson Chani Beeman suggested that 2-3 Commissioners work on the calendar and report back to the full commission with a final draft for review and approval.

Staff also asked Commissioners to review the contents of the HRC Website and submit changes, modifications and additions as soon as possible so the content may be updated, particularly pictures and biographies of Commissioners.

Staff reported that a check was mailed to Robert Melsh of the Unitarian Church, Business Cards have been mailed to all Commissioners, the PSA would be worked on by Staff and Commissioner Marisa Valdez Yeager, a presentation to the Public Safety Committee was requested of the HRC which Chairperson

Beeman and Staff would put together, a Commissioner orientation will be held after the new Spring commissioner appointments have been made, most likely on April 19, 2007, directly before the April HRC meeting since April's HRC meeting will be held at City Hall. At the request of Chairperson, Staff removed the portion of the report dealing with Jenny Hong, possible Youth Human Relations Commissioner, as Chairperson Beeman would be discussing in another agenda item.

Chairperson Beeman asked Staff to report on the status of the JOCC's Downtown Public Safety Meeting. Staff mentioned the November, 2006 stabbing which prompted the call for a downtown public safety meeting. Chairperson Beeman stated that she had received concerned phone calls from Councilmember Dom Betro and Police Chief Russ Leach's office would like to help JOCC facilitate a meeting and that it would not focus on the stabbing incident, but the focus would be to provide some facts on downtown safety and provide assurances to people who may have misinformation on downtown safety and the meeting would be for any person or any group, as well as provide a vehicle to address any unaddressed concerns about downtown safety.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Chani Beeman reported on the Mayor's Multicultural Forum and the National League of Cities "Inclusive Cities" sign to be reviewed by the full HRC. The Chair also reported on Dale Kinnear, Principal of North High School's, presence and comments at the forum.

The Chair also reported on the outcome of the RPD Diversity Training, her attendance at the first graduating class of the Eleanor Jean Grier Leadership Academy, her attendance at the Police Accountability Community Forum (RCPA) meeting, the Fair Housing Volunteer Training program to take place on Saturday, February 17, 2007, and reported that there may be a crisis developing in the discord exhibited at the City Council meetings and asked Committee members to view the recent City Council meetings.

Working Committee Report

Inter Faith Sub Committee member Sonya Walker reported that with the resignation of current Sub Committee Chairperson, Jan Moore, and with the term ending for herself, she presented options for the HRC to review as to the continuance of the Sub Committee or the option of the HRC to go back to a list of ideas for the Sub Committee. Chairperson Beeman asked if either Commissioner Zaki or Commissioner Carpenter would want to chair the Committee. Commissioner Walker agreed that she would ask them if they were interested and she would also prepare a report for the February 15, 2007 HRC meeting. Commissioner Wilson requested that a 2007 List of Commission Priorities be formulated for the February 15, 2007 HRC Meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

A request for funds was requested for the Multicultural Youth Festival. A motion was made, seconded and approved, pending a funding analysis showing what the current HRC budget is.

A request was recommended that Final Review of Damon Castillo's report be referred to the full HRC.

A request was made to appoint Jenny Hong as a Youth Human Relations Commissioner, pending any requirements of the City Clerk's office .

Correspondence

None.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Aric Isom presented a request to consider the HRC as a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award program. The Chairperson suggested that Commissioner Isom present a

report to the full HRC for the February 15, 2007 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Commissioner Isom to provide the report.

Staff Comments

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned just before 7:00 p.m.